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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for Collection Tasking

FROM: Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Presidential Directive/NSC-37  
National Space Policy

REFERENCE: DCI memorandum, same subject, dated  
19 June 1978 (TCS-889638-78)

1. In the reference the DCI assigned primary responsibility to me for implementing changes in security restrictions on intelligence space satellite products which would allow selective relaxation of control to permit wider use of space derived intelligence information.

2. His memorandum took note of the fact that this task cannot be dispensed with in unilateral fashion by the Security Committee but must be accomplished in coordination with your office. Our current charge is to develop an implementation plan identifying proposed action responsibilities and milestones to accomplish the required goals laid out in the Presidential Directive.

3. Our current thinking is to review space derived products currently held under compartmented controls from a zero based approach in order to make positive determination of what must be retained in compartmented channels. We would suggest that it would be appropriate for the SIGINT Committee and COMIREX to develop such a review for presentation and defense. We then would desire that these guidelines be reviewed by the three Committees with selected entities of the user community to ensure that we are, in fact, on the road toward striking an appropriate balance between maximum dissemination and maximum protection of our sources and methods. At this stage, the NRO would also be involved to ensure that their security equities were also properly represented.

4. I would like to propose that you designate a primary officer from both the SIGINT Committee and COMIREX to meet

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with my prime action officer for this review [REDACTED]  
of the Security Committee Staff, in order to prepare the imple-  
mentation plan the DCI desires. [REDACTED]

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/s/ John F. Blake

John F. Blake

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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
**Security Committee**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: John F. Blake  
Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: Robert W. Gambino  
Chairman

SUBJECT: Presidential Directive/NSC-37  
National Space Policy

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1. Action Requested: This memorandum contains a request for your signature on the attached memorandum to the Deputy to the DCI for Collection Tasking asking him to designate personnel to participate in the preparation of the [REDACTED] implementation plan.

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2. Background: In his 19 June 1978 memorandum on [REDACTED] the DCI assigned to you the primary responsibility for implementing the PD's charge that security restrictions on intelligence space products be selectively relaxed. Further, the DCI charged that, in cooperation with the Deputy for Collection Tasking, an implementation plan be prepared for his approval. The plan is to identify proposed action responsibilities and milestones for the accomplishment of the specific charges directed by the PD. The D/NRO is also to be requested to assist in this and the follow-on effort to help ensure that product and operational security controls are mutually supportive. You in turn charged me to prepare the plan.

3. Current Status: The staff of the Security Committee has completed its review of the charges and appropriate referenced material. Their current position holds that the mandates of the PD require a significant effort toward the goal of relaxing security restrictions. Historical compartmented practices need much more than a modicum of revision. The compartmented systems are overburdened with material, some of which may not meet the tests for classification stipulated in Executive Order 12065. The PD policies governing the protection of Sensitive Compartmented Information are already under review

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as witnessed by the current deliberations on declassifying the "fact of". The SIGINT Committee, the COMIREX and the NRO have vested interests which are threatened by tenets in the PD. For these reasons, the Staff of the Security Committee proposes that a zero base review be conducted of all product material now held under compartmented controls and that provisions of the new Executive Order 12065 be consulted in the weighing of what material should be submitted to the DCI with recommendation as candidate material for continued protection.

4. The Staff proposes that no alternative course will avoid possible subsequent charges that material and practices were not reviewed. Such a charge would conveniently serve to perpetuate the conflict between collectors and users which the DCI now looks to you to moderate.

5. Concurrent with this charge from the DCI is another task calling for the review of the entire NRP security structure. Still further, we are attempting to address the controversy raised by the DCID on compartmentation which strives to centralize authority in the Security Committee for a determination of what will be compartmented.

6. All these tasks are interwoven in some aspects and indicate that resolution of long standing conflicts will not be accomplished by the end of the 60 day deadline given to implement the PD by [REDACTED] in his 24 May 1978 PD 37 Implementing Directive. Accordingly, we propose that an extension of this deadline be sought on an informal basis by the DCI and we will have such a request accompanying a progress report now in preparation.

7. Recommendation: Your continuing interest and support will be appreciated. We recommend you sign the attached memorandum to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
Robert W. Gambino

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